

Executive Order 2004-26

To Spend Money from the Health Crisis Fund On the Prevention of Influenza

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, the Legislature has established the Health Crisis Fund empowering the Governor to authorize specific liabilities and expenditures in order to respond to a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis; and

WHEREAS, influenza is a potentially lethal disease that causes illnesses and fatalities in Arizona every year; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant shortage of influenza vaccine available in Arizona this year due to manufacturing problems; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of influenza vaccine creates a significant potential that Arizona will experience increased illnesses and fatalities during FY 2005; and

WHEREAS, the public health threat posed by influenza can be reduced by quickly purchasing vaccine that becomes available and increasing public awareness of methods to slow the spread of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services has an opportunity to purchase 22,500 additional influenza vaccines; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are neither a contingency nor an emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-192 because they require neither state-municipal resource coordination nor Department of Military Affairs assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, declare a significant potential for a health crisis in this State and hereby order as follows:

1. The Health Crisis Fund, as established pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-797, is authorized to transfer the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) to the Department of Health Services for use in responding to the influenza vaccine shortage crisis.
2. The Department of Health Services shall expend all moneys transferred pursuant to this Order on measures to reduce the spread and threat to public health posed by influenza in Arizona and shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by December 31, 2005 on the expenditure of all sums so transferred.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 25th day of October in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE